

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐  
no ☒

Property Name: Detmold Inventory Number: AL-VI-B-282

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: Detmold Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

County: Allegany USGS Topographic Map: Lonaconing

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Tax Parcel Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Map Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Account ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Project: Acquisition and Demolition Agency: FEMA/MEMA

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

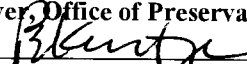
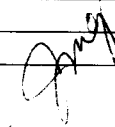
Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ no ☐ yes Name of district: \_\_\_\_\_

Is district listed? ☐ no ☐ yes Determined eligible? ☐ no ☐ yes District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: ORSR survey files, Review & Compliance AL Co. Flood files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

Detmold is a typical George's Creek coal town located 1/2 mile south of Lonaconing in the center of the Georges Creek coal region of western Maryland. Architecture of the survey district is characterized by vernacular styled frame dwellings. The 1 1/2 or 2 story buildings are 2 to 4 bays wide, rest on stone foundations and have gabled roofs dating from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The Coal Basin Historic Sites Survey conducted in the late 1970s identified similar coal towns in the region. The town of Detmold has undergone consistent alterations to its buildings in the application of synthetic siding, removal of original chimneys and additions of new chimneys and porches and replacement windows. The integrity of the town has been reduced by these alterations. In comparison to other mining towns like Mt. Savage, Detmold does not possess sufficient integrity to be eligible as a historic district for the National Register.

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Comments: _____	
Patricia Blick	5/16/2001
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
	5/23/01
Reviewer, NR program	Date
	

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Located in Wetmore -  
AL-VI - B-282  
NO DOE on Survey District

**Pekin Acquisition Project**  
**17405 Lower Georges Creek Road (Fairgrieve)**  
**Map 57 Parcel 50**

1920  
Acct  
014603



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Detmold Survey District  
Detmold  
Private

1856

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Detmold Survey District

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Maryland Route 36, 1/2 mile south of Lonaconing

CITY, TOWN

Detmold

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany County

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**☒ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Multiple ownership

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

MHT Inventory, AL-VI-B-175

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Detmold Survey District is located  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile south of Lonaconing in the center of the Georges Creek coal region of western Maryland. Maryland Route 36 and the C&P Railroad run North to South through the eastern side of the town. The terrain of the survey district is flat.

The architecture of the survey district is characterized by vernacular-styled frame dwellings. The  $1\frac{1}{2}$  or 2 story buildings are 2 to 4 bays wide, rest on stone foundations and have gabled roofs. They are either rectangular, based on the ell plan, or have shed roofed additons added to their rear elevations which give these buildings the saltbox shape common to the region. Examples are #22 and #15 on the attached map.

One example of the duplex block houses common to Georges Creek is a  $2\frac{1}{2}$  story, 4 bay by 2 bay, rectangular frame building. The building rests on a stone foundation and has a gabled roof and a shed-roofed porch sheltering its facade. (see #16 on the attached map.)

A single example of log construction located within the survey district is a 2 story, 2 bay by 1 bay building with log walls 15 inches thick covered with german siding. The altered building has no apparent foundation and a gabled roof. (see #18 on the attached map)

An example of the Bungalow style in Detmold exhibits the gently sloping gabled roof and gabled dormer common to the style. (see #13 on the attached map)

An early-to-mid 20th century filling station at the southern end of the survey district is a 1 story, 2 bay structure with a flat roof and a canopy projecting over the service area which is supported by metal posts. (see #2 on the attached map)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

1856

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Detmold is a mining town located in the central area of the Georges Creek coal region of western Maryland. The development of the town was closely associated with that of Lonaconing, the earliest company town in the region which was founded in 1835 by the Georges Creek Coal and Iron Company.<sup>1</sup>

Detmold is named for C.E. Detmold, "...a man of great energy and wealth...", who in 1856 purchased the Ravenscroft property and opened a mine into the rich Big Vein coal.<sup>2</sup> In that same year Detmold built the "Detmold houses" presumably to house his employees at what was known for a while as the "Detmold Farm".<sup>3</sup>

Within a few years C.E. Detmold's property was acquired by the Central Coal Company which in 1866 continued the development of the town by building the "Detmold Row".<sup>4</sup> In 1869 the Central Coal Company consolidated with the Maryland Coal Company under the latter company's name.<sup>5</sup> In 1870 the Maryland Coal Company supplied its employees with 80 new homes which were probably located in both Detmold and Lonaconing.<sup>6</sup> The company was in operation as late as 1882 when it employed more than 200 men and owned 4 mines including the new and old Detmold mines.<sup>7</sup>

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Harvey, Katherine, The Best Dressed Miners, Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region, 1835-1910, Ithica: Cornell University Press, 1969.

Scharf, Thomas, History of Western Maryland, Vol. II, Philadelphia: Louis H. Everts, 1882.

Thomas and Williams, History of Allegany CO., Vol. I, Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1969, (orig. published 1923).

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION****LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Footnotes

<sup>1</sup>Thomas Scharf, History of Western Maryland Vol II, Philadelphia: Louis H. Everts, 1882, p. 1500.

<sup>2</sup>Thomas and Williams, History of Allegany County, Maryland Vol. I, Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1969, pp. 538-539.

<sup>3</sup>Scharf, p. 1503, and Thomas and Williams, p. 539.

<sup>4</sup>Scharf, p. 1503 and p. 1505.

<sup>5</sup>Ibid., p. 1503

<sup>6</sup>Katherine Harvey, The Best Dressed Miners, Life and Labor in the Maryland Mining Region, 1835 - 1910, Ithica: Cornell University Press, 1969, p. 79.

<sup>7</sup>Scharf, p. 1446.





Lonaconing, MD:WV  
USGS 7.5 Minute Series  
Scale 1:24,000  
1950; photorevised 1974

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Maryland Route 36,  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile south  
of Lonaconing



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Detmold Survey District

Allegany Co., MD

David A. Dorsey 8/81

photo #1, looking W



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Detmold Survey District

Allegany County, MD

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photo #2, looking NW



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Detmold Survey District

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photo #3, looking NE





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photo #5, looking S



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photo #6, looking E



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photo #7, looking N